

U. S. MAJORS DECLARE FOOD EMBARGO TO PROTECT VESSELS

Possible Drastic Action to End Submarine Warfare and Insure Safety to Neutral Commerce Hinted in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. America may call hunger as her ally to bring England and Germany to their knees in their submarine warfare, now threatening United States commerce.

Such was the unconfirmed hint in official circles today. Sponsors for the suggestion declared the President would lay an airtight embargo on supplies to American foodstuffs to both the Allies and Germany, unless all parties involved yield to America's latest suggestions.

While the Allies' unanimous consent is necessary to complete the foodstuffs agreement, officials here believed that this ultimatum will be accepted.

GERMANY SENDS TRAWLERS TO PLANT NORTH SEA MINES

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From left to right are Mrs. H. M. Lowry, Mrs. William Derr and Miss Josephine Sherron, who are ready to supply customers with cut flowers, plants and bulbs from their counter in the New Century Drawing Room, 124 South 13th street. The bazaar will be open today and tomorrow in aid of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association. Literature, dolls, domestic articles, farm and garden seeds and tools and good things to eat are also on sale.

SUFFRAGE BIG BAZAAR FIRST CAMPAIGN MOVE

Continued from Page One. V. Etrum, of Chicago, will speak in the auditorium of the club. While in this city Mrs. Roessing will be the guest of Miss Lida Stokes Adams, 1921 Green street.

All the energy and all the ingenuity of the entire association have been compressed into one concentrated effort to give this first gun of the campaign for "Votes for Pennsylvania women" with such telling effect that all the rest will be easy.

EMERGENCY AID'S NEED OF MONEY URGENT

Committee's Relief Work Hampered by Falling Off of Contributions—Total \$90,000. Unless citizens of Philadelphia loosen the strings of their purses and give more freely to the Self-sacrifice Fund than they have been doing during the last week, several thousand of the city's poor and destitute will have to go unaided by the Home Relief Division of the Emergency Aid Committee.

TAYLOR ACCUSES P. R. T. OFFICIALS

Continued from Page One. Existing Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company in a state of fairness," he said. "We have not asked them to do anything that will reduce their net income. We have asked only for their co-operation, and in return we have offered to protect them against loss. This is absolutely fair and equitable to both parties."

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FATHER FAILS TO SUBDUCE DAUGHTER'S YOUNG SUITOR

Magistrate Discharges Youth Accused of "Trespassing." An irate father and a proud youth glared angrily at each other today in the office of Magistrate Penneck, 569 Germantown avenue. The father was John Brough, a builder, of 693 North 8th street, Oak Lane, and the youth was Harold Prouty, 15 years old, of 41 Tyson avenue. Prouty appeared as a prisoner and through as prosecutor, but as Magistrate Penneck found no fault with the youth he was discharged.

According to the story unfolded at the hearing, young Prouty gazed one day into the eyes of Clara Brough, the 15-year-old daughter of John Brough, and was instantly smitten. He started to call on the girl, but the father objected. Undaunted, young Prouty kept on visiting the girl and she carefully selected hours when the father was not at home. Yesterday, however, Brough arrived before Prouty had departed. He summoned Policemen Cones and ordered that the young man on a charge of trespassing. At the hearing it developed that Prouty had been admitted by Miss Brough, and Magistrate Penneck pointed out she also should have been notified whereupon the young man was discharged.

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NO LIGHT THROWN ON HARDING'S ACT

Coroner's Jury Returns Suicide Verdict—Mrs. Harding, Told on Arrival Here, Collapses.

The Coroner's Jury today returned a verdict of suicide by gunshot wounds at the inquest into the death of Captain Arthur Harding, former aide to ex-President Taft, who shot himself through the head at the Racquet Club yesterday. In his instructions to the jury Coroner McKnight said the evidence admitted of no other verdict but suicide.

Funeral services for the dead officer were held in the Naval Hospital this afternoon. The services were attended by Mrs. Harding and her sister, Mrs. J. N. Waller; Lieutenant Colonel L. W. T. Walker, Captain Thomas Wise, Captain Bearse and Major Porter. Following the services the body was shipped to Quincy, Ill., Captain Harding's former home.

No testimony was produced to throw light on the motive which prompted Captain Harding to kill himself. Deputy Coroner McKeever testified that he had found the body in the club with a bullet hole in the head. Death, he said, had been caused by a steel-jacketed bullet which made a barely perceptible wound. A Marine from League Island came to City Hall after the revolver today.

Whether the Navy Board of Inquest uncovered the reasons for the suicide of Captain Harding will probably be learned today when the board files its report with Commandant Benson, of the League Island Navy Yard. After an investigation yesterday by Deputy Coroner McKeever, officers at League Island, directed by Major Harry Lee, began an inquiry into the circumstances of the suicide. Thus far no reason has been given for the fatal deed. Only a few moments before he shot himself, Captain Harding had been joking with Frederick Wagstaff, head valet at the Racquet Club.

Reports that the suicide of Captain Harding brought to light for the first time his marriage to Miss Maria Hayden, of Washington, were denied today by Captain Thomas Wise, of the Marine Corps, who is stationed at League Island. Captain Wise has been an intimate friend of the dead man for five years.

Mrs. Harding, who arrived yesterday from Washington, was in a serious condition from shock today. She learned of her husband's death only after her arrival at Broad Street Station. In a letter Captain Harding received only a few moments before he shot himself, she asked what time he would meet her. Captain Wise and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Daney, sister and brother-in-law of Captain Harding, were at Broad Street station to meet Mrs. Harding when she arrived.

The only reason advanced thus far for the suicide was the condition of Captain Harding's health. It was stated that nervous indigestion for several days.

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EMMETT CELEBRATION

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